





How to change: Alfa Romeo 159 Sportwagon rear suspension strut – replacement guide

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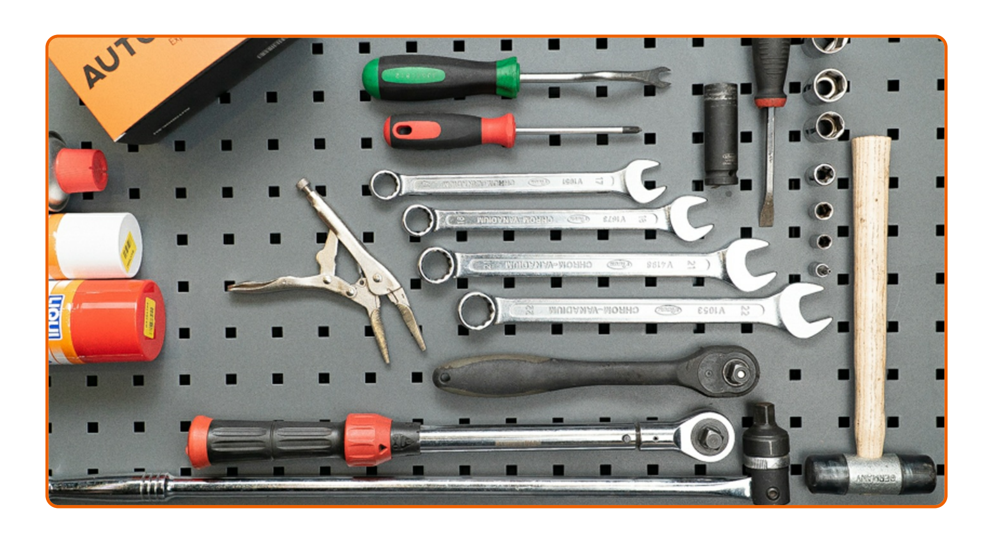
Important!

This replacement procedure can be used for:
ALFA ROMEO 159 (939_) 2.2 JTS (939AXB1B, 939AXB11), ALFA ROMEO 159 Sportwagon (939_) 2.2 JTS (939BXB1B, 939BXB11), ALFA ROMEO BRERA (939_) 2.2 JTS (939.DXB11), ALFA ROMEO SPIDER (939_) 2.2 JTS (939EXB1B, 939EXB11)

The steps may slightly vary depending on the car design.



REPLACEMENT: SUSPENSION STRUT – ALFA ROMEO 159 SPORTWAGON. TOOLS YOU NEED:



- Wire brush
- WD-40 spray
- Copper grease
- Combination spanner #17
- Combination spanner #18
- Combination spanner #21
- Combination spanner #22
- Drive socket # 8
- Drive socket # 10
- Drive socket # E14
- Drive socket # 16
- Drive socket # 18
- Drive socket # 21
- Torx bit T25
- Wheel impact socket #17
- Ratchet wrench
- Torque wrench
- Phillips screwdriver
- Clip removal tool
- Locking pliers
- Rubber mallet
- Crow bar
- Hydraulic strut spring compressor
- Hydraulic transmission jack
- Wheel chock

Replacement: suspension strut – Alfa Romeo 159 Sportwagon. AUTODOC recommends:

- Both shock struts of the rear suspension should be replaced simultaneously.
- The replacement procedure is identical for the left and right shock struts of the rear suspension.
- All work should be done with the engine stopped.

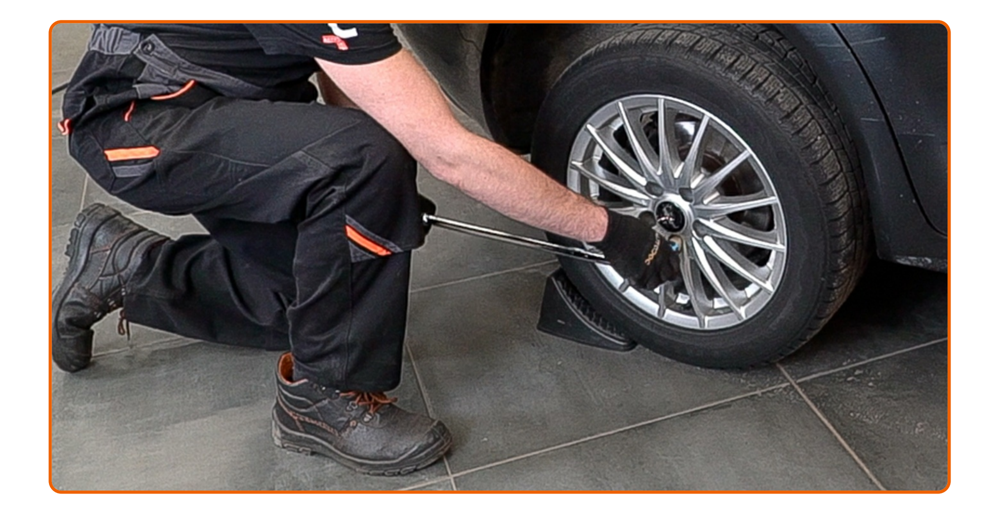
REPLACEMENT: SUSPENSION STRUT – ALFA ROMEO 159 SPORTWAGON. RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF STEPS:

1



Secure the wheels with chocks.

2



Loosen the wheel mounting bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.

3



Open the boot lid.

4



Move the folding shelf and detach it from the retainers. By doing this, you will get access to the side trim plastic panels.

5



Fold down the backrests of the rear seats.

6



Raise the lower lining of the boot.

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Remove the clips of the boot front lower lining. Use a clip removal tool.

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Remove the boot front lower lining.

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Remove the clips of the boot side lining. Use a clip removal tool.

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Unscrew the fastener of the boot side lining. Use Torx T25. Use a ratchet wrench.

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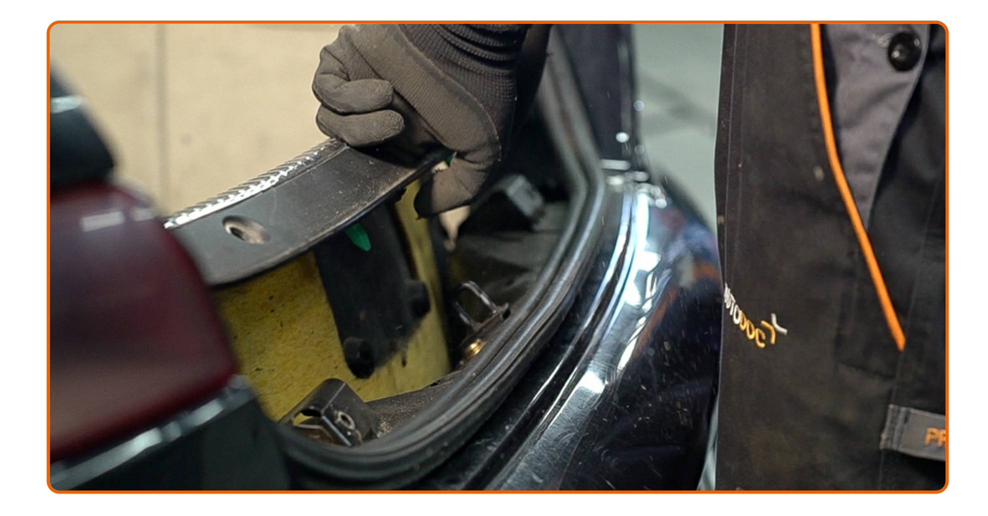
Unscrew the fastener of the central protective plastic panel. Use Torx T25. Use a ratchet wrench. Use a Phillips screwdriver.

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Unscrew the fasteners of the side plastic trim panel. Use a Phillips screwdriver.

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Remove the central protective plastic panel.



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Remove the side plastic cover.

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Remove the cover of the boot side lining.



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Detach the boot side lining.

17



Remove the seat belt trim cover. Use a drive socket #10. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Remove the boot side lining.

19



Detach the bulb connector.

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Unscrew the fastener and remove the boot side sound insulation.

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Clean the fasteners of the shock absorber upper mount. Use WD-40 spray.

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Raise the rear of the car and secure on supports.

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Unscrew the wheel bolts.

AUTODOC recommends:

- Important! Hold the wheel while unscrewing the fastening bolts. Alfa Romeo 159 Sportwagon

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Remove the wheel.

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Clean the stabiliser link fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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Unscrew the fastener connecting the stabilizer bar with the control arm. Use a drive socket #18.

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Clean the shock strut fasteners. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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Unscrew the fastener connecting the shock strut to the suspension control arm. Use a combination spanner #21. Use a drive socket #21. Use a ratchet wrench.

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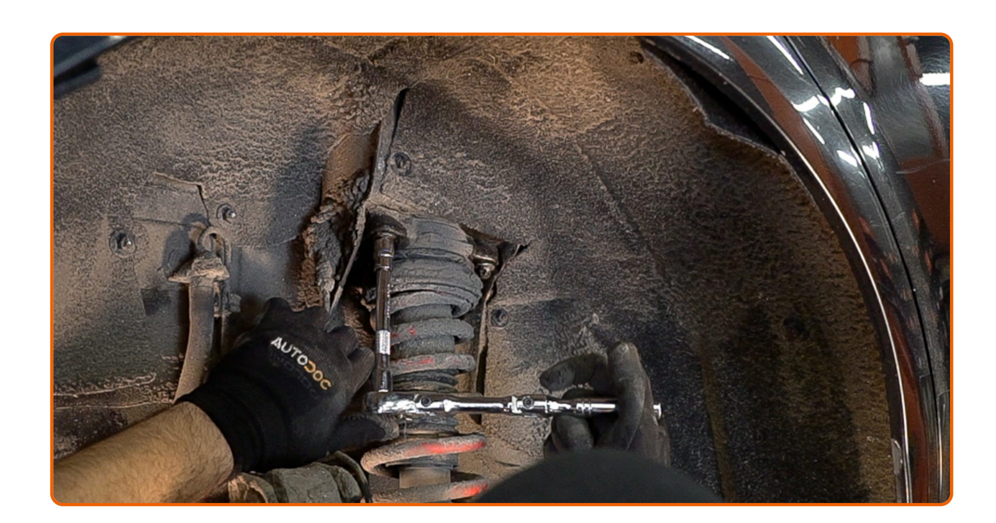
Remove the fastening bolt.

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Clean the fasteners of the shock strut upper mount. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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Unscrew the top fastening of the shock strut mount. Use a drive socket #E14. Use a ratchet wrench.



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Clean the fastener connecting the rear knuckle to the suspension control arm. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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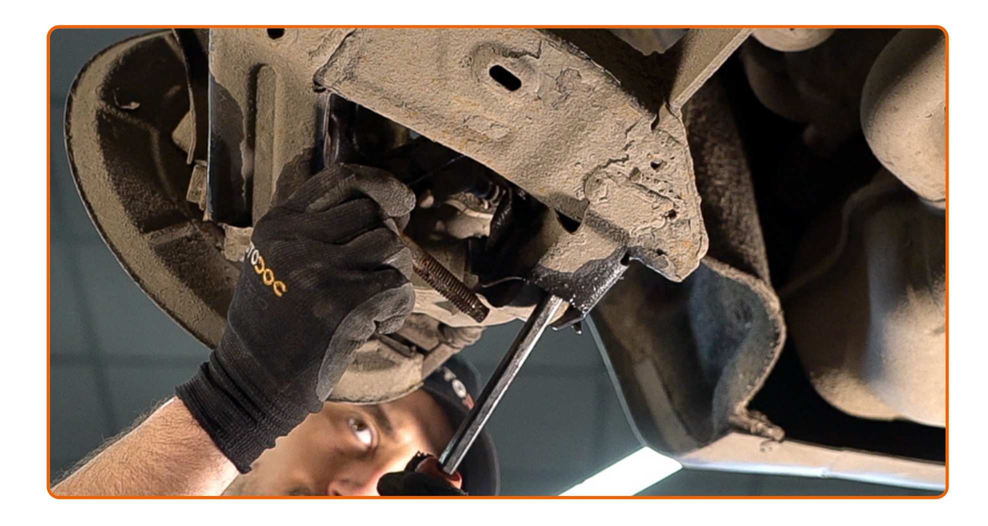
Make a mark on the camber adjustment bolt.

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Unscrew the rear fastener connecting the rear knuckle to the suspension control arm. Use a combination spanner #22.

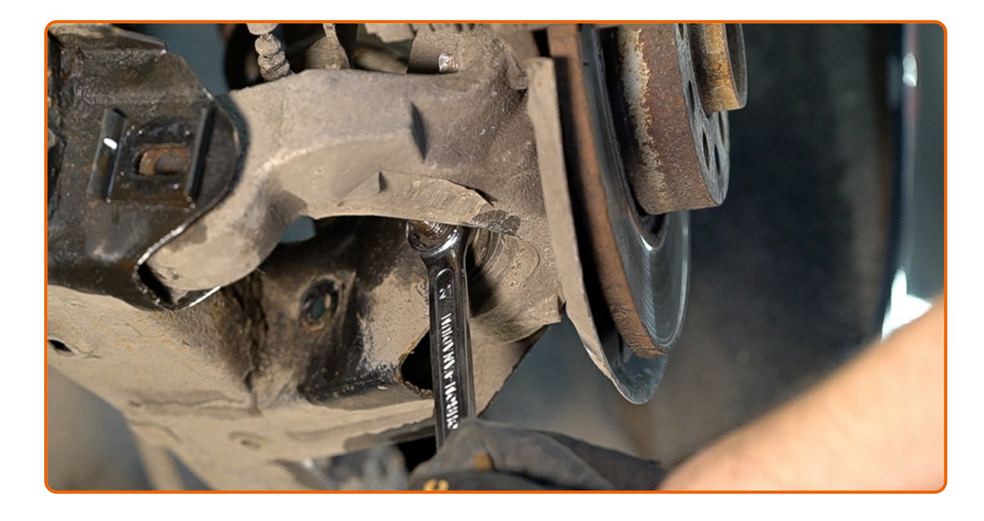
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Remove the fastening bolt. Use a crowbar. Use a rubber mallet.

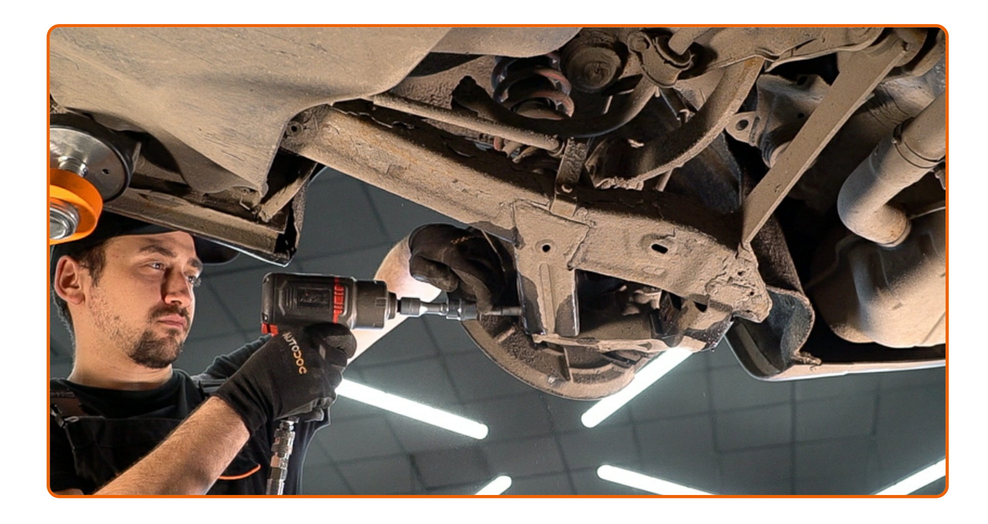


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Unscrew the front fastener connecting the rear knuckle to the suspension control arm. Use a combination spanner #21.

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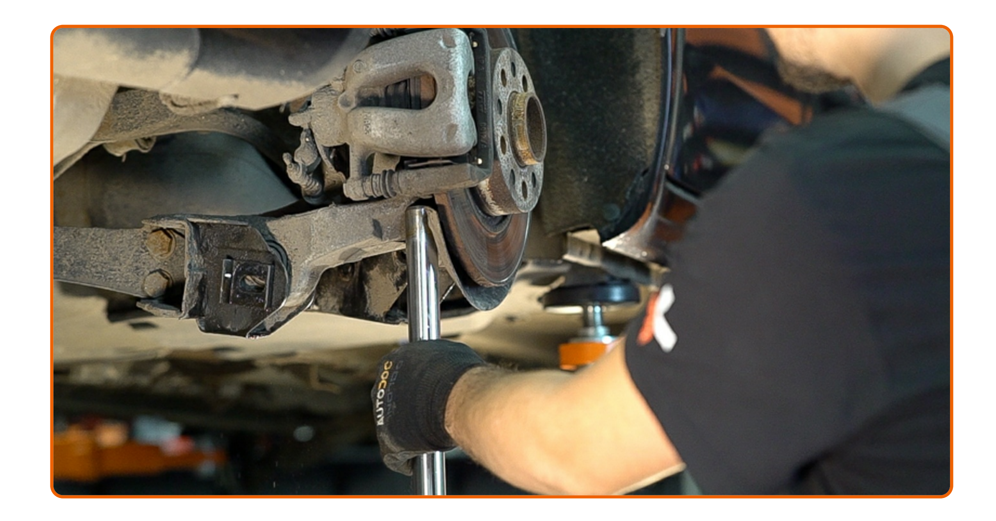


Remove the fastening bolt.

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Detach the rear knuckle from the suspension control arm.

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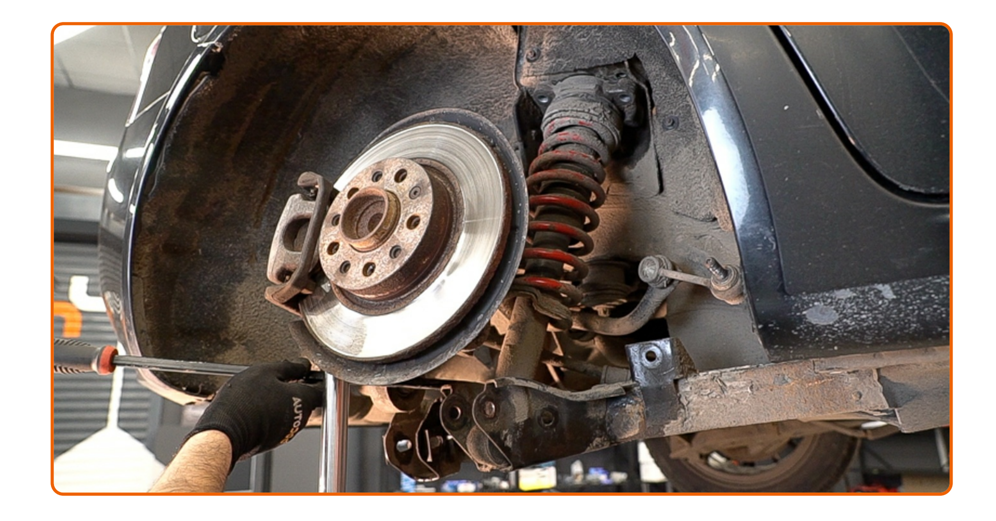
Support the stub axle. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.

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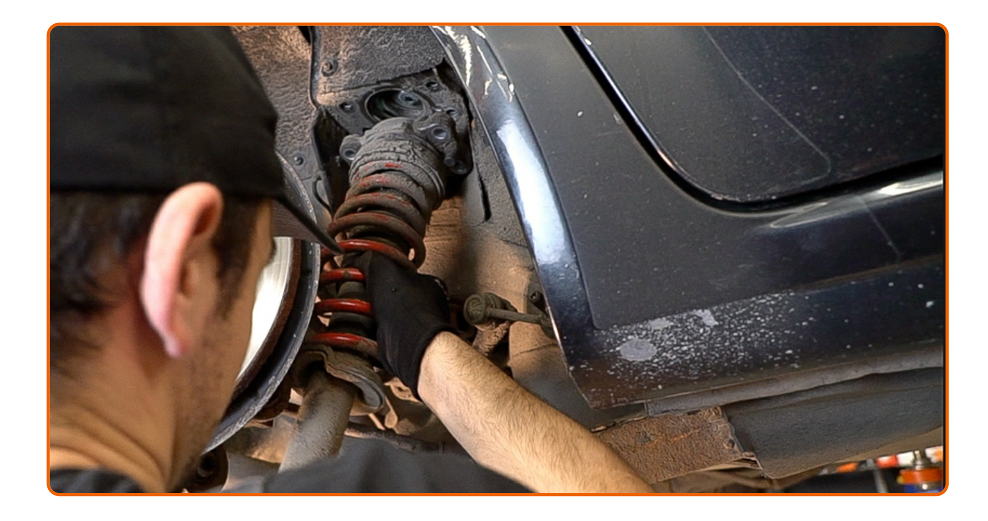
Remove the strut piston rod nut. Use a drive socket #16.

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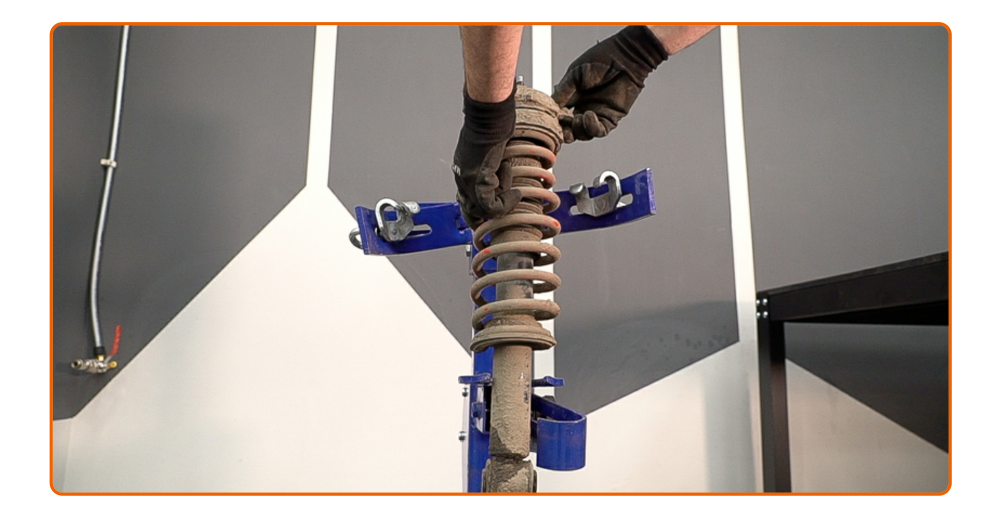
Pull down the suspension control arm. Use a crowbar.

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Remove the suspension strut.

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Set the shock absorber strut on the spring compressor tool.

Replacement: suspension strut – Alfa Romeo 159 Sportwagon. Tip from AUTODOC experts:

- Note that when using a spring compressor, spring coils need to be securely gripped, compressing the spring on the opposite sides.
- Ensure the correct position of the spring in the retainer.
- Make sure that the spring coils tightly entered the lock handles.

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Compress the spring.

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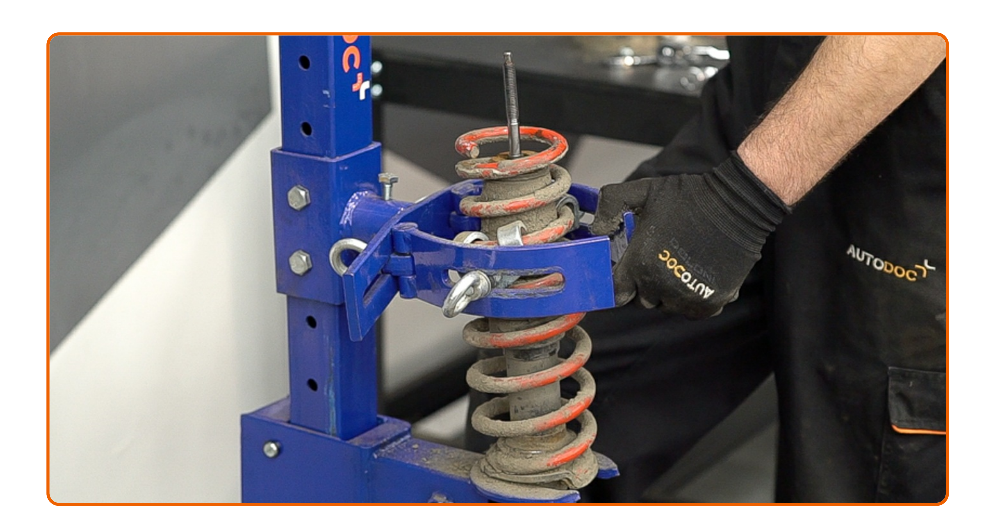
Remove the strut piston rod nut. Use a combination spanner #17. Use a drive socket #8. Use a ratchet wrench.

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Remove the top strut mount. Use a crowbar.

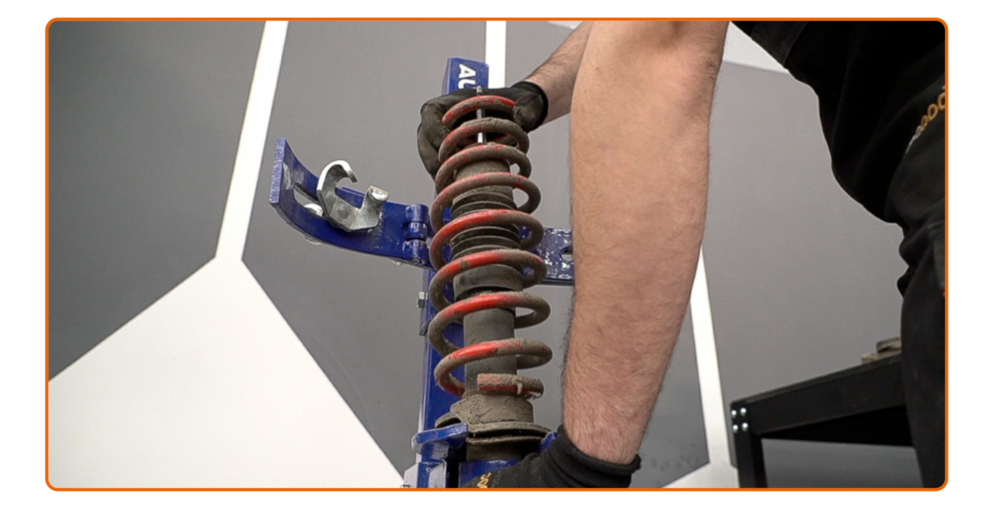
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Release the coil spring.



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Remove the spring.

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Remove the shock absorber dust cap and the bump stop.

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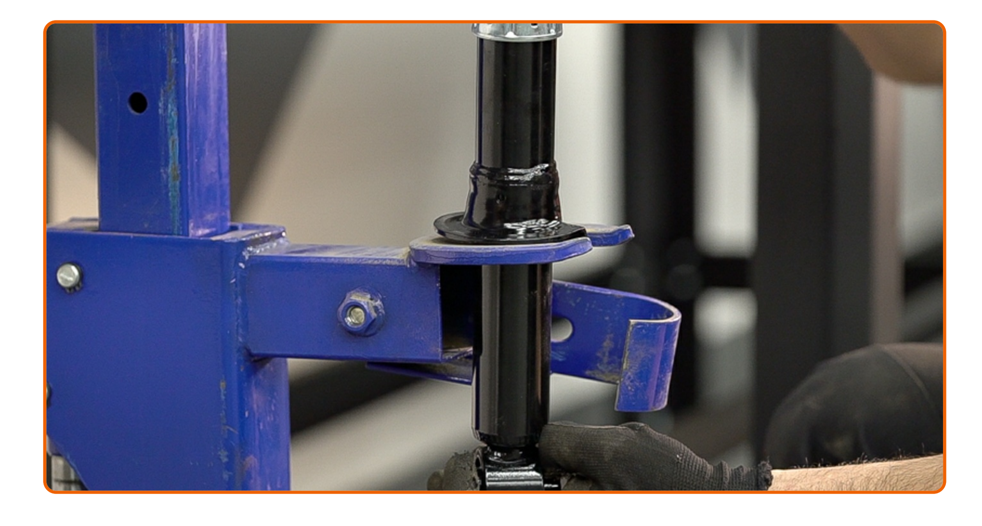


Remove the old shock absorber from the hydraulic coil spring compressor.

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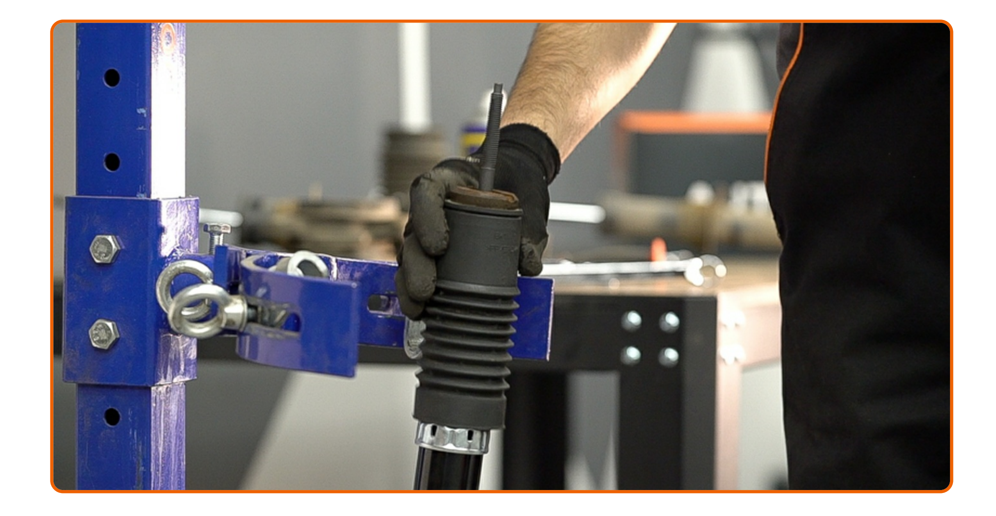
- Thoroughly examine the shock absorber mount, dust boot, bump stop. Replace them if necessary.
- Before installing a new shock absorber you should pump it manually 3-5 times.

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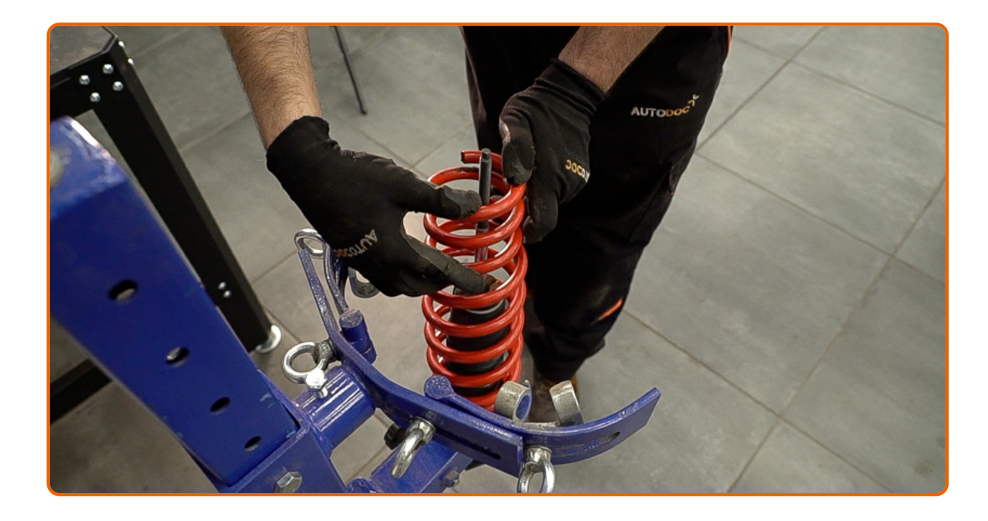
Install the new shock absorber on the hydraulic coil spring compressor.

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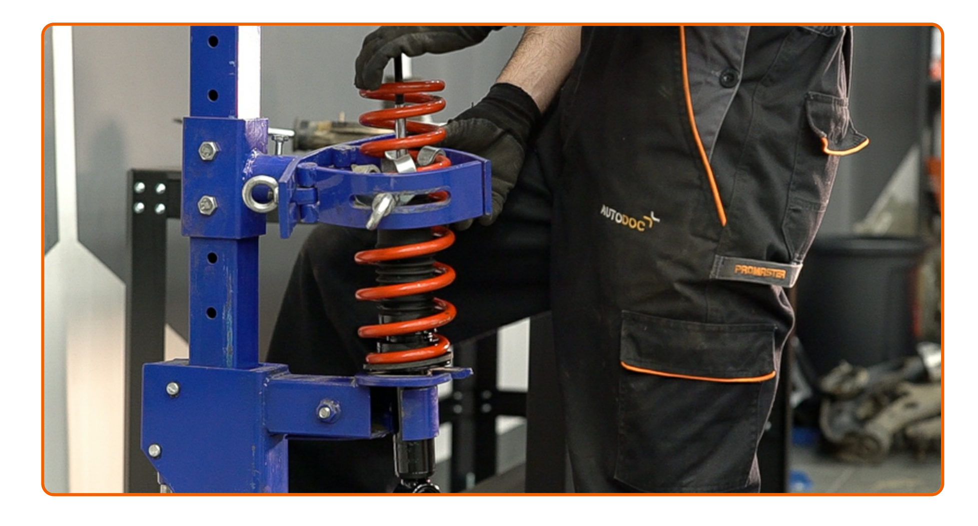
Install the dust sleeve and the bump stop on the new shock absorber.

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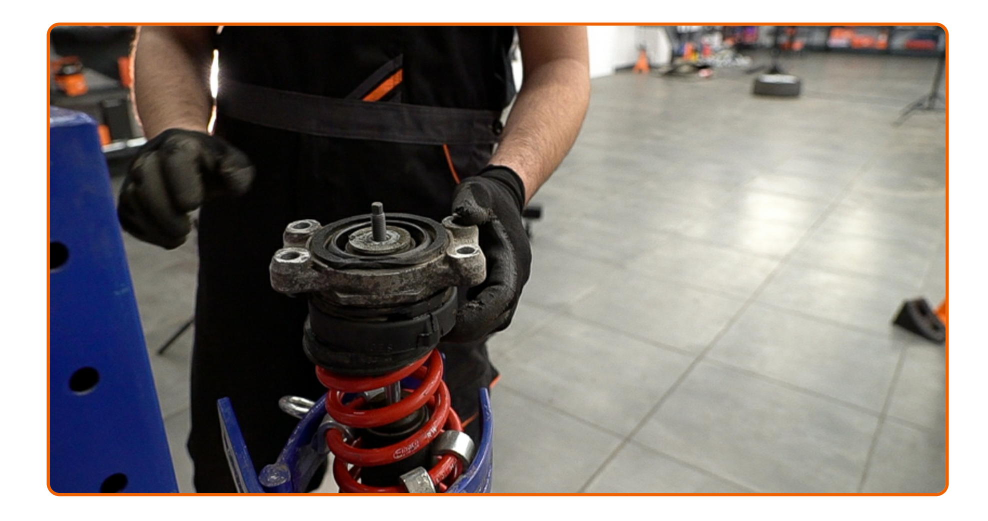
Install the spring on the shock absorber.

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Compress the spring.

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Install the upper strut mount and the strut mount bearing.

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Tighten the shock strut piston rod nut. Use a combination spanner #17. Use locking pliers. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 60 Nm torque.

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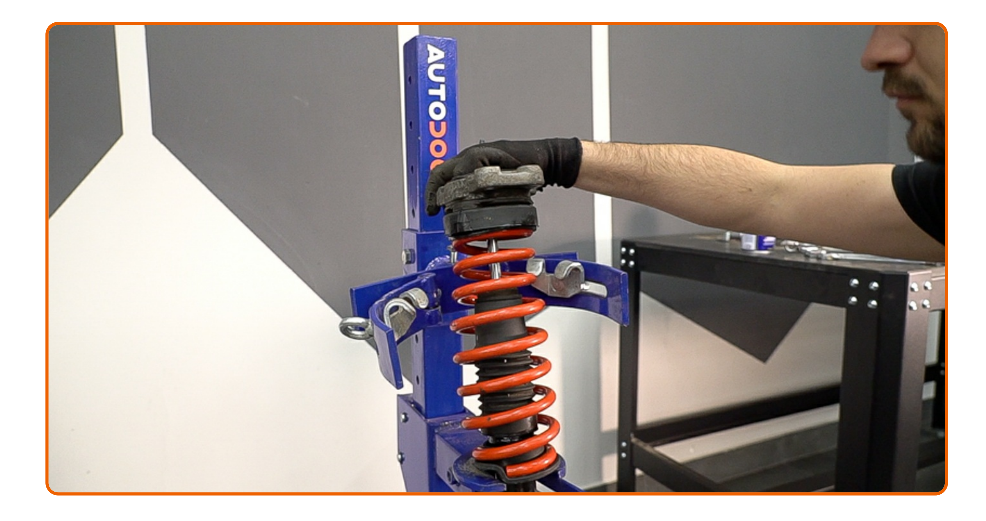
- Check to make sure the spring is positioned correctly. Avoid its misalignment.

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Decompress the spring.

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Remove the assembled shock strut.

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Clean the mounting seats of the shock strut. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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Install the shock strut into the wheel arch.

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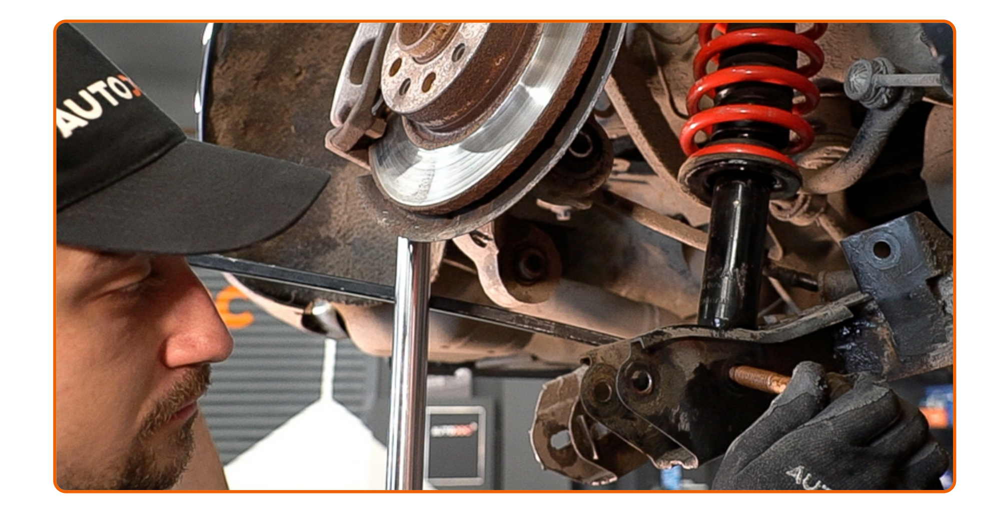


Screw the top fastening of the shock strut mount. Do not tighten it.

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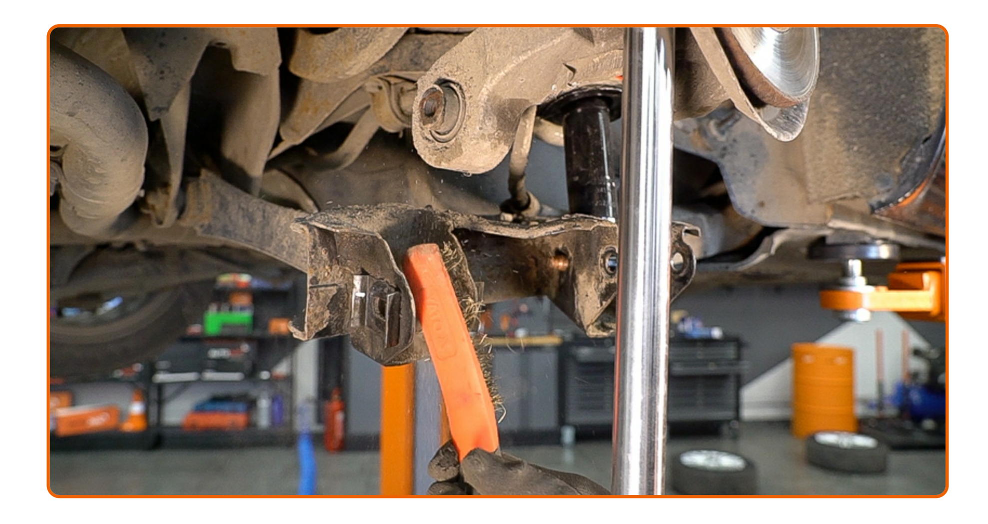
- Important! Hold the suspension strut while screwing in the fastening bolts. Alfa Romeo 159 Sportwagon

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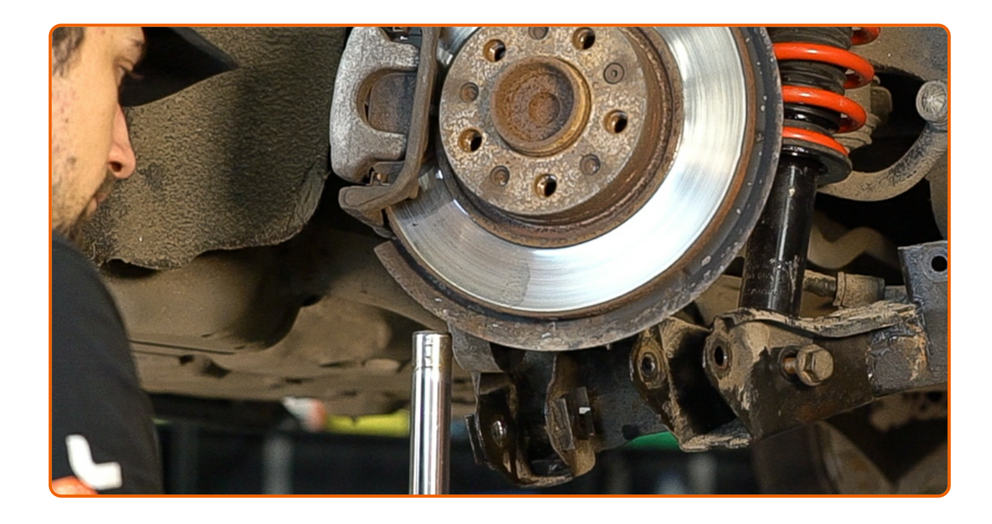
Install the fastening bolt.

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Clean the mounting seats of the rear knuckle. Use a wire brush. Use WD-40 spray.

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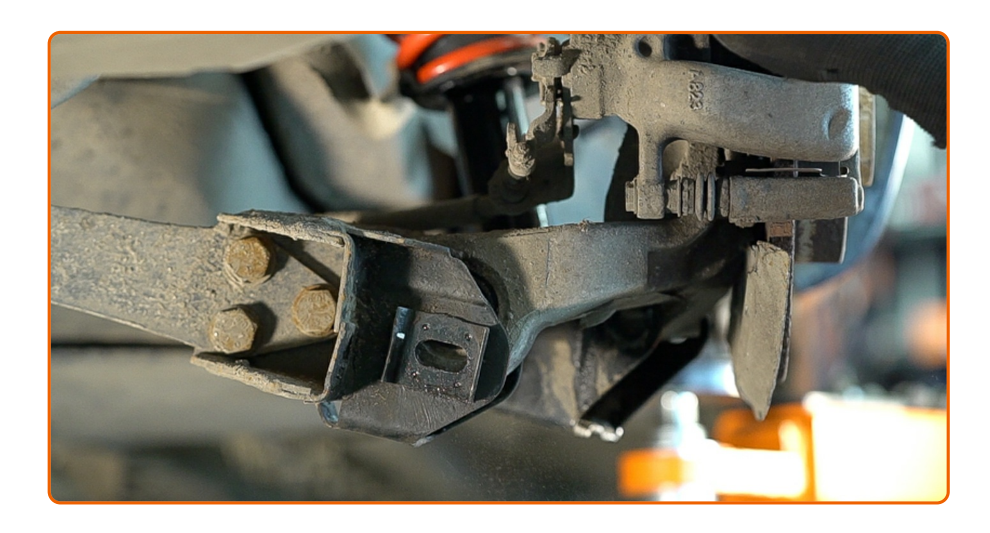


Lower the hydraulic transmission jack by 10-15 cm.

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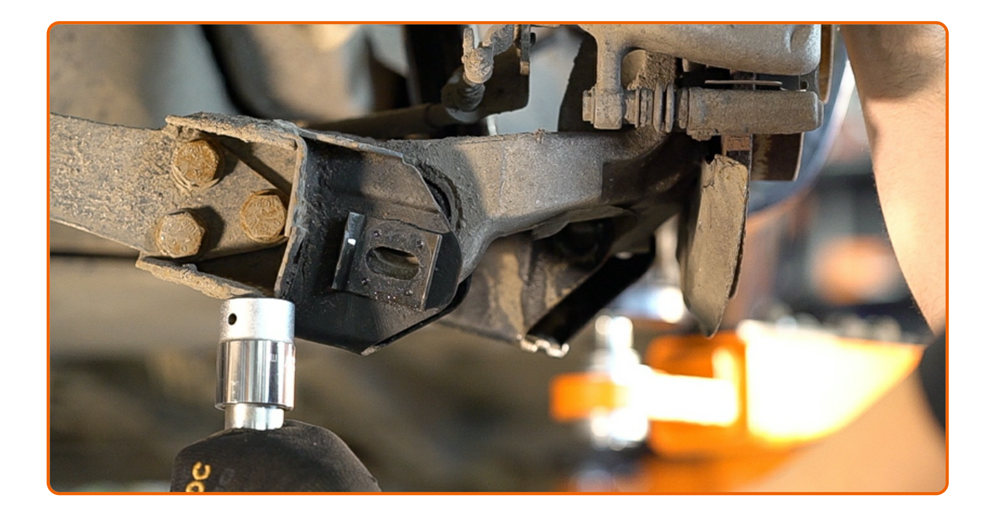
- Lower the hydraulic transmission jack smoothly, without jerks, to avoid damaging assemblies and mechanisms.

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Attach the rear knuckle to the suspension control arm.

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Support the arm. Use a hydraulic transmission jack.

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Install the fastening bolt. Use a crowbar.

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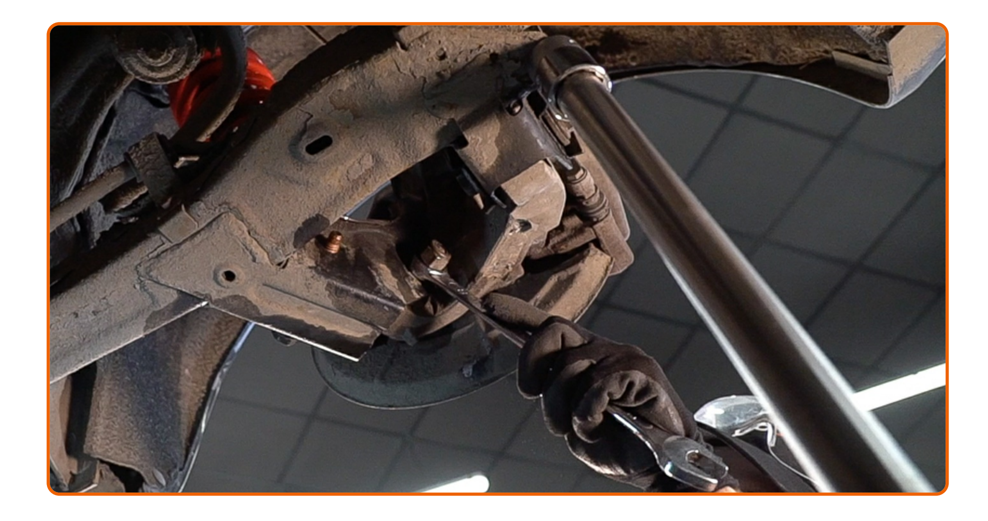
Screw in the rear fastener connecting the rear knuckle to the suspension control arm. Use a combination spanner #22.

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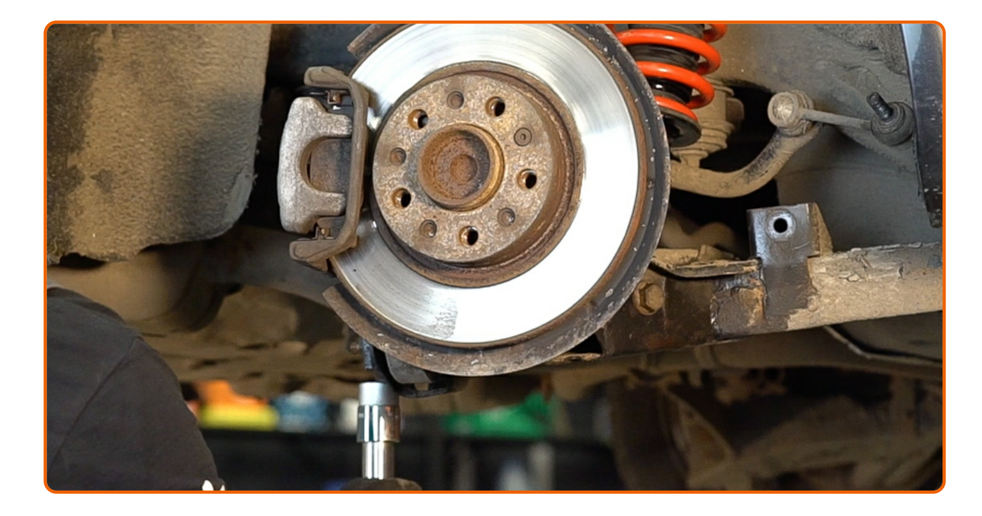
Install the fastening bolt. Use a crowbar.

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Screw in the front fastener connecting the rear knuckle to the suspension control arm. Use a combination spanner #21.

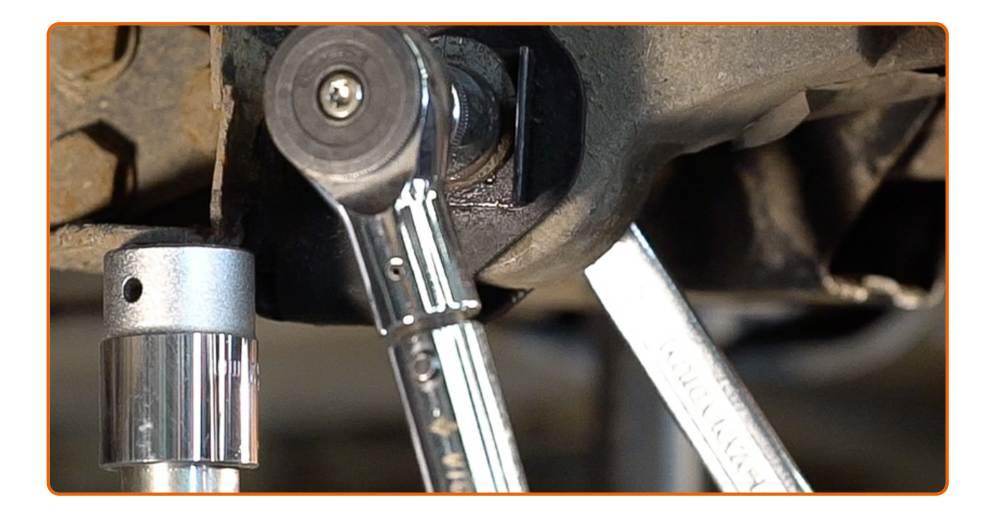
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Raise the hydraulic transmission jack by 10-15 cm.



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Tighten the rear fastener connecting the rear knuckle to the suspension control arm. Use a combination spanner #22. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 85 Nm torque.

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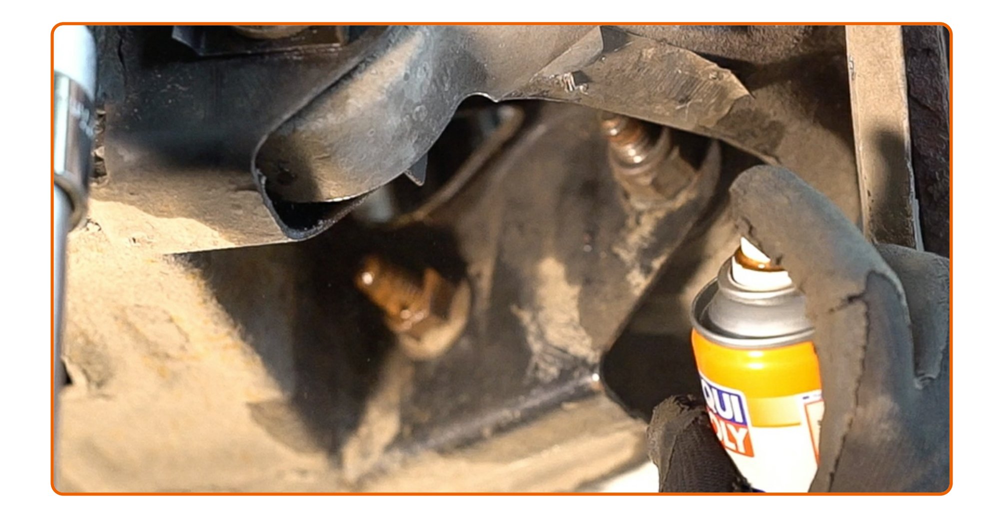
Tighten the front fastener connecting the rear knuckle to the suspension control arm. Use a combination spanner #22. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 85 Nm torque.

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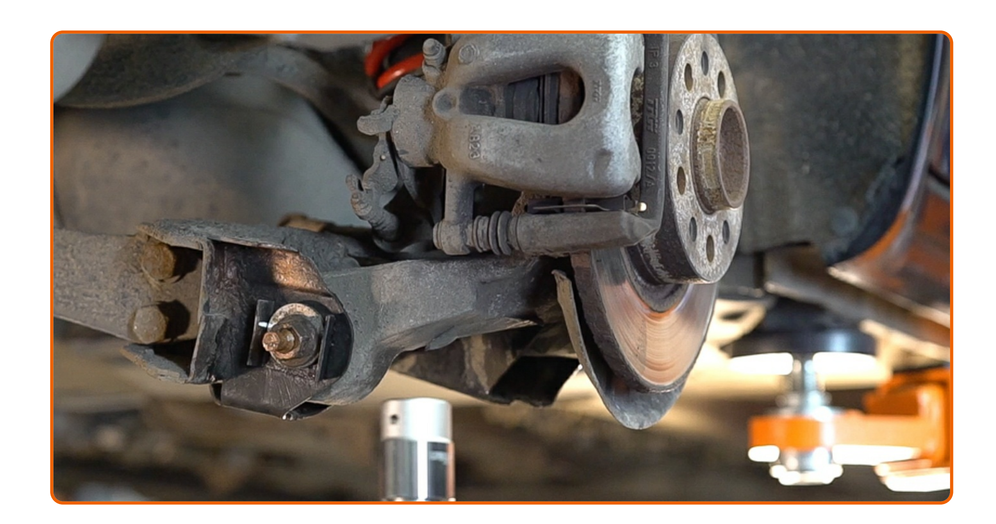
Tighten the fastener connecting the shock strut to the suspension control arm. Use a combination spanner #21. Use a drive socket #21. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 75 Nm torque.

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Treat the rear knuckle fasteners. Use copper grease.

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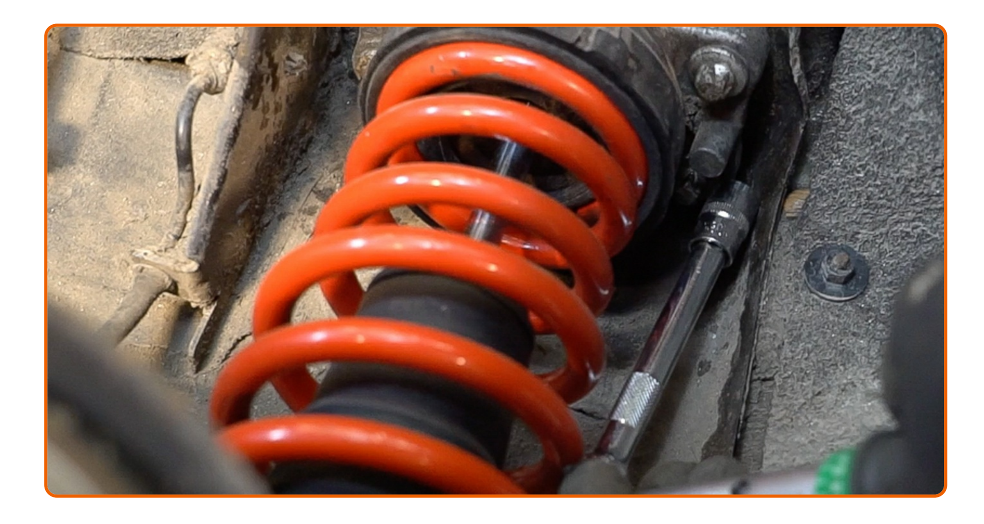


Remove the support from under the arm.

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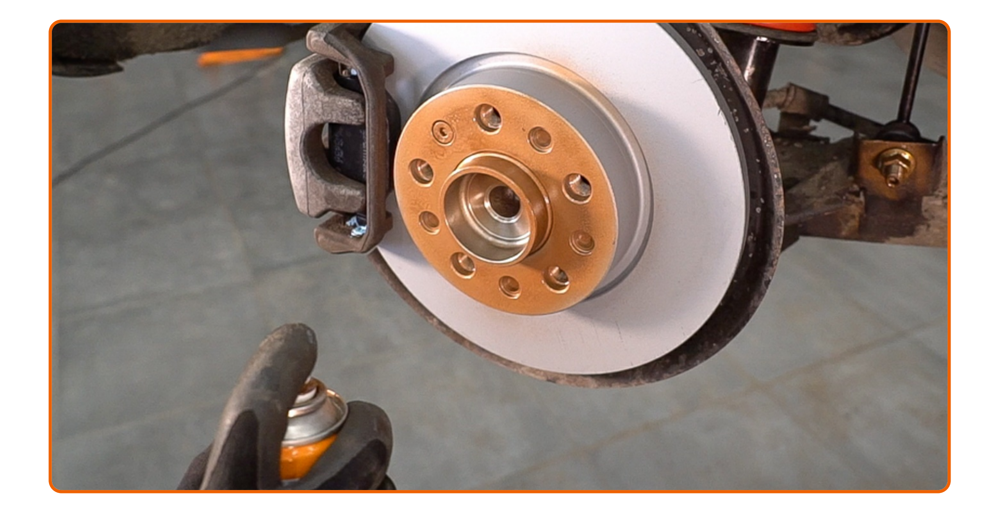
Tighten the upper fastener of the shock absorber strut mount. Use a drive socket #E14. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 35 Nm torque.

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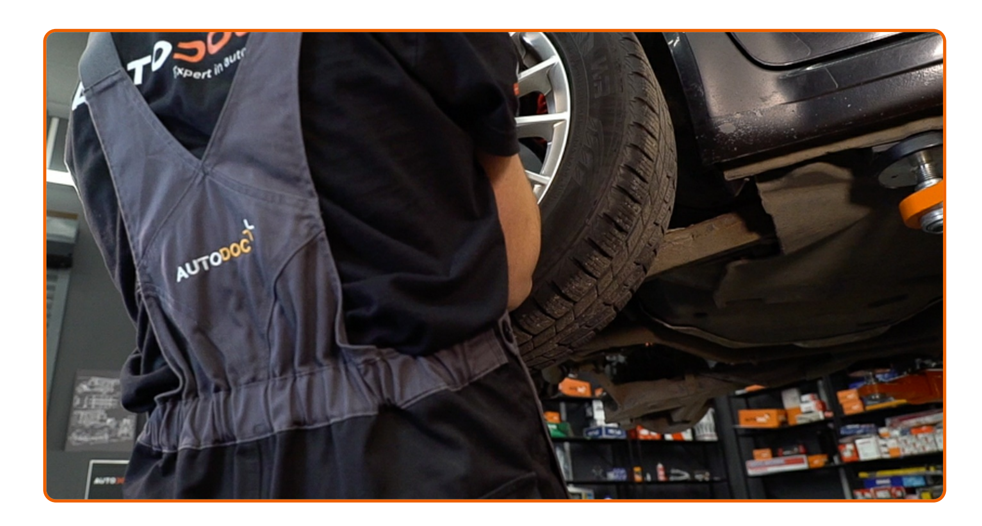
Tighten the fastener connecting the stabilizer bar with the control arm. Use a combination spanner #18. Use a drive socket #18. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 55 Nm torque.

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Clean the wheel rim mounting seat. Use a wire brush. Treat the contacting surface. Use copper grease.

80



Install the wheel.

Replacement: suspension strut – Alfa Romeo 159 Sportwagon. AUTODOC recommends:

- To avoid injury, hold up the wheel when screwing in the fastening bolts.

81



Screw in the wheel bolts. Use wheel impact socket #17.

82



Lower the car.

83



Tighten the shock strut piston rod nut. Use a drive socket #16. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 65 Nm torque.

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Install the boot side sound insulation and screw in its fasteners.



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Attach the side lining of the boot.

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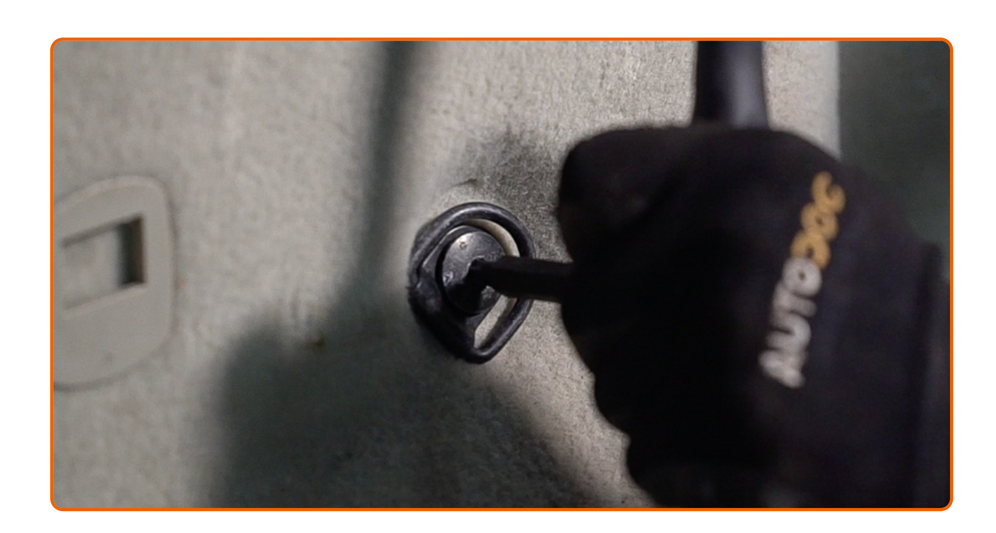
Attach the bulb connector.

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Install the clips of the boot side lining.

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Screw in the fastener of the boot side lining. Use Torx T25. Use a ratchet wrench.

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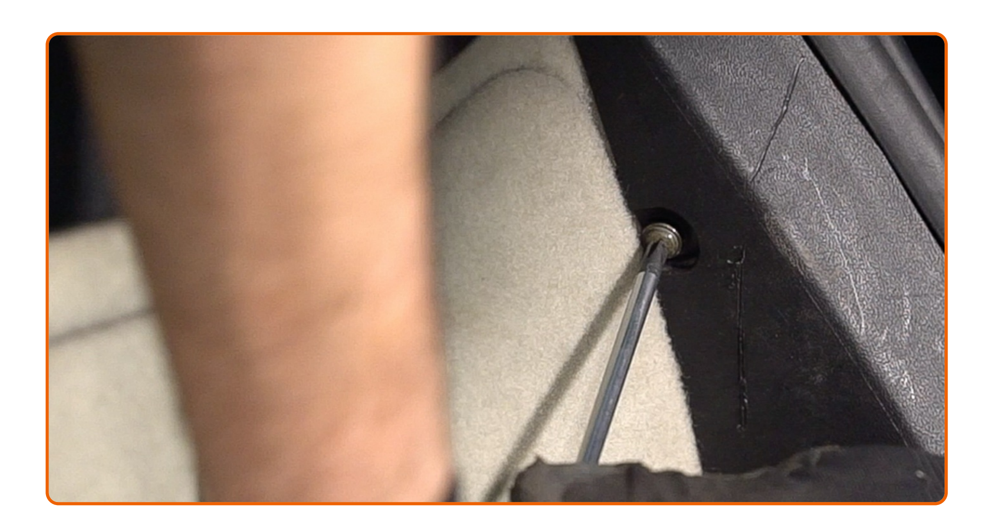


Install the cover of the boot side lining.

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Install the side plastic panel.

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Screw the fasteners of the side plastic trim panel. Use a Phillips screwdriver.



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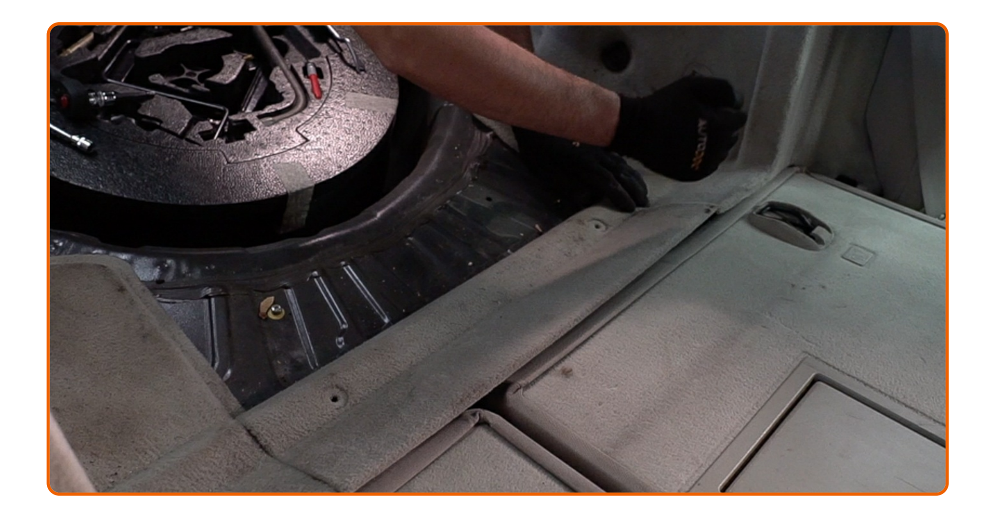
Install the central protective plastic panel.

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Screw in the fastener of the central protective plastic panel. Use Torx T25. Use a ratchet wrench. Use a Phillips screwdriver.

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Install the boot front lower lining.

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Install the clips of the boot front lower lining.

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Install the seat belt trim cover. Use a drive socket #10.

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Return the seat to its original position.



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Put down the lower lining of the boot.

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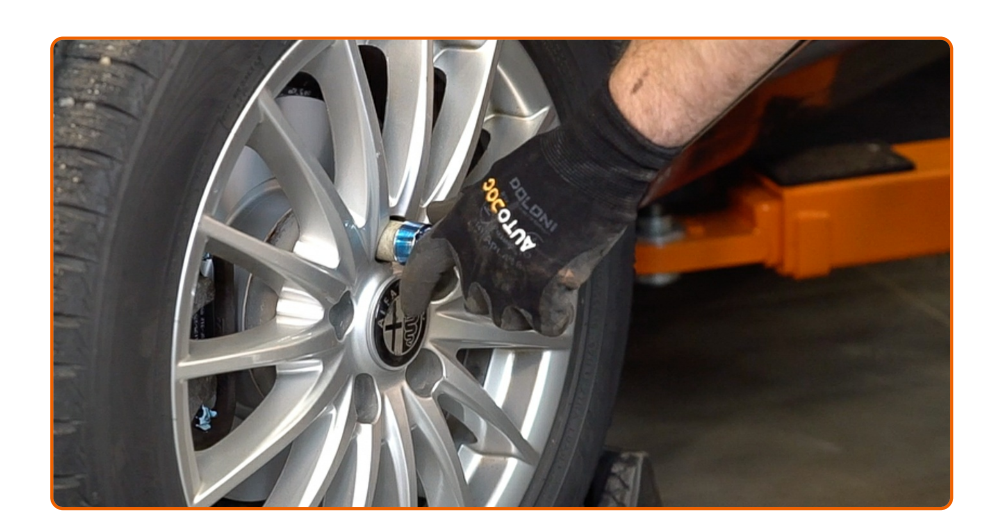
Install the folding shelf to its mounting seat.

100



Close the lid of the luggage compartment.

101



Tighten the wheel bolts using a criss-cross pattern. Use a torque wrench. Tighten it to 120 Nm torque.

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Remove the jacks and chocks.

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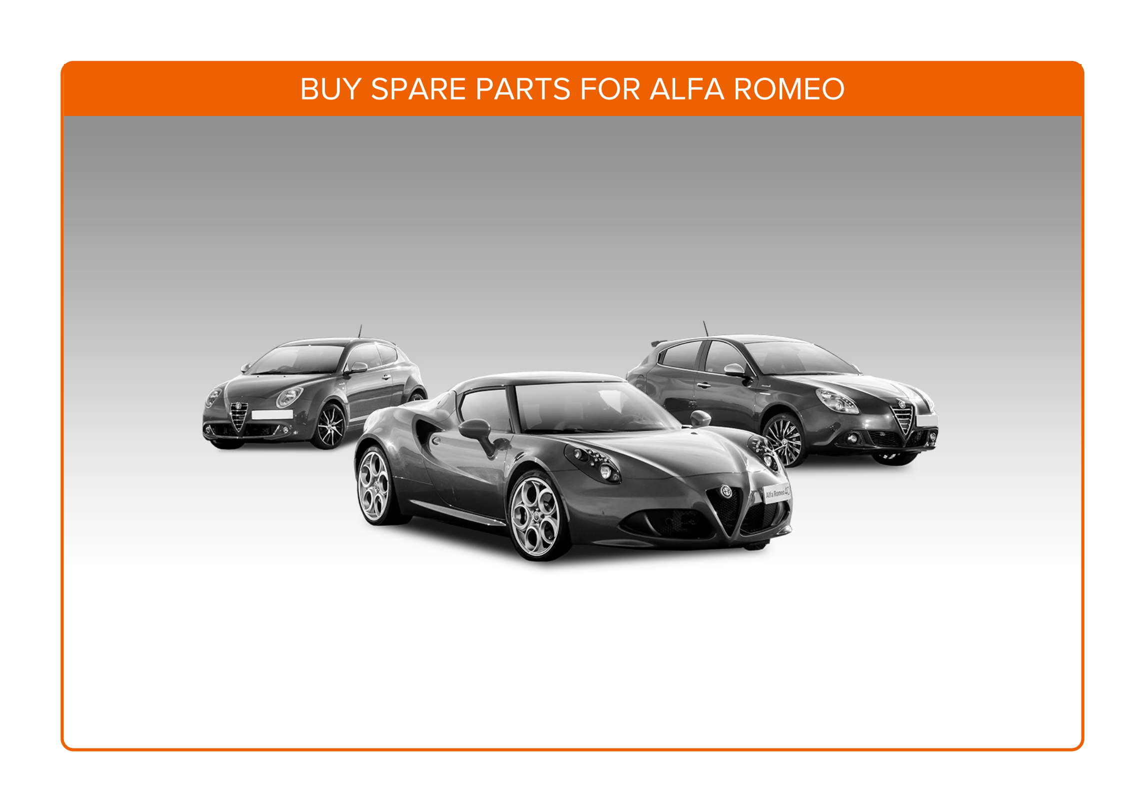
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